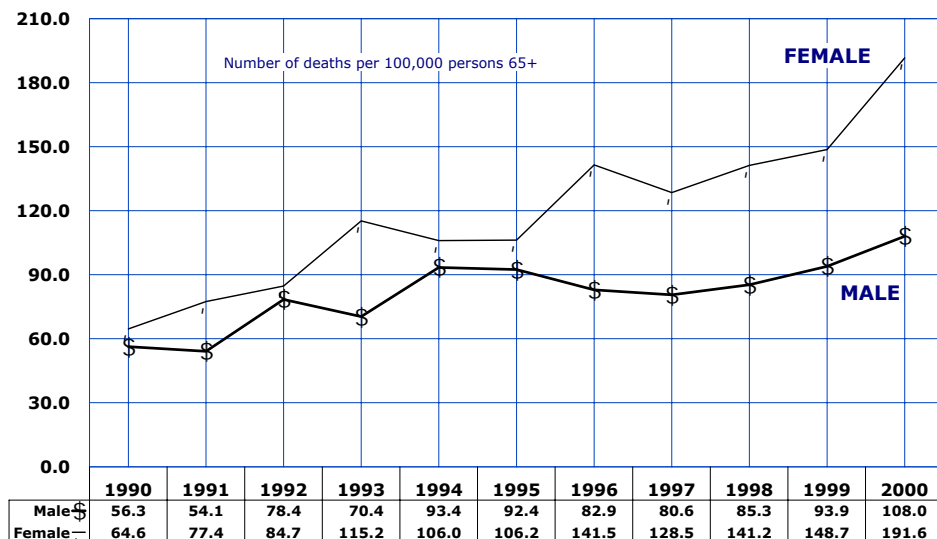


Key Findings

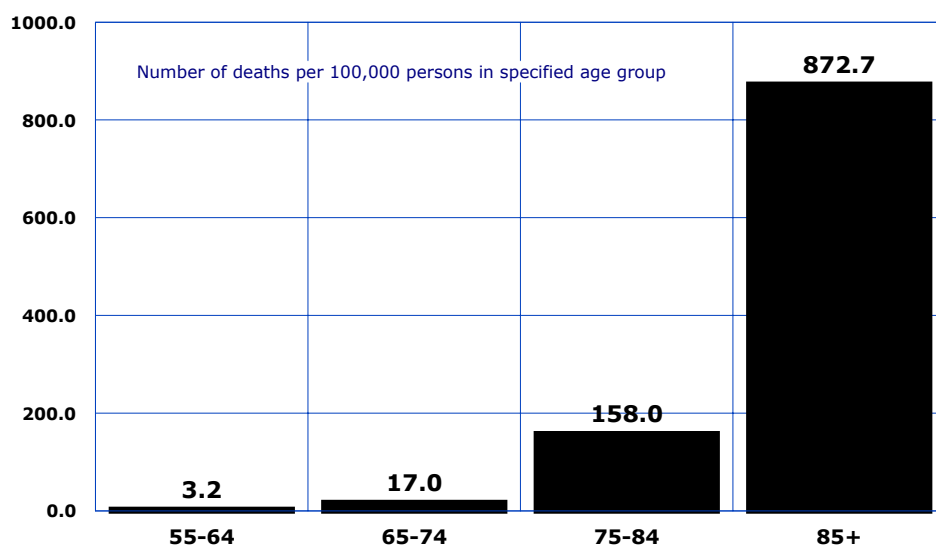
Figure 9
Mortality Rates for Alzheimer's Disease by Gender and Year
Among Arizona Elderly Residents 65 Years and Older,
1990-2000



* The rates for 1990-1999 are comparability-modified.

The comparability-modified death rate for *Alzheimer's disease*, the fifth leading cause of elderly female mortality in Arizona in 2000, almost tripled from 64.6/100,000 in 1990 to 191.6/100,000 in 2000 (**Figure 9**). For elderly males, the mortality rate for *Alzheimer's disease*, their seventh leading cause of death, increased by 91.8 percent from 56.3/100,000 in 1990 to 108.0/100,000 in 2000. In 1990, the *Alzheimer's disease* mortality risk of elderly females compared to males was 14.7 percent greater, while in 2000 the risk was 77.4 percent greater.

Figure 10
Age-Specific Mortality Rates for Alzheimer's Disease
Among Arizonans Aged 55 and Over in 2000



Risk of death from *Alzheimer's disease* increases sharply with age (**Figure 10**). In the eleven-year period from 1990 to 2000, only four deaths from *Alzheimer's disease* were to Arizonans under age 55. In 2000, nine out of every ten deaths from *Alzheimer's disease* were to persons aged 75 and older.